

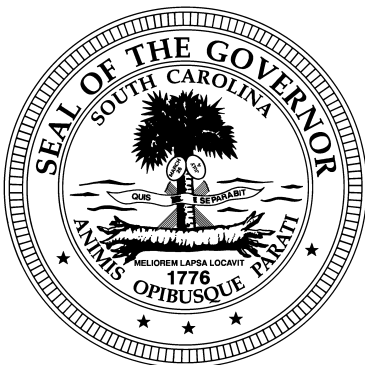
# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** George R. Garris graduated from the University of Georgia in 1959 with a double major in forestry and wildlife management; and
- WHEREAS,** George R. Garris boasts a long and proud history of dedicated service to our nation, serving 4 years in the Air Force and contributing 44 years to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and
- WHEREAS,** George R. Garris came to South Carolina in the early 1960s as Assistant Manager at Cape Romain Refuge, was named Refuge Manager of Carolina Sandhills Refuge in 1966, returned to Cape Romain as Refuge Manager in 1974, and in the mid-1990s became Complex Manager for the ACE Basin, Cape Romain, Santee, and Waccamaw Refuges; and
- WHEREAS,** George R. Garris has received numerous wildlife recognitions and awards, including the Regional Director's Honor Award in 1995 and an award in 2003 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as America's Longest Serving National Wildlife Refuge Manager; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout his career, George R. Garris has dedicated his time and efforts to ensuring that critical habitats for endangered and threatened species are protected and to safeguarding and conserving South Carolina's natural resources for generations to come.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2003, as

### GEORGE R. GARRIS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in recognizing George R. Garris for his many contributions to the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**